

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Wednesday, August 24, 2005 10:30 a.m. Room 351 State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan**

Representatives LaJoy and Nitz, Chairs, call the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committees on Transportation and Agriculture to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives LaJoy, David Law, Gosselin, Casperson, Nitz, Wenke, Moore, Pavlov, Pearce, Anderson, Byrnes, Hood III, Gleason, Leland. (14/17)**

**ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Meyer, Murphy, Kathleen Law. (3/17)**

Representative Pearce made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2005, supported by Representative Moore. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

Representative Moore made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Pavlov. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Representative Nitz, Chair of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, laid the following bills before the Committees:

HB 4501 Amos Transportation; motor fuel tax; administrative fines, civil fines, and criminal fines; increase.

HB 4502 Amos Agriculture; weights and measures; administrative fines, civil fines, and criminal penalties; increase.

Keith Creagh, Deputy Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), and Celeste Bennett, representing the MDA Motor Fuels Quality Division, provided an update on the Motor Fuel Quality and Weights and Measures Programs and spoke to the Committees regarding quality control, testing measures, and penalties imposed when violations occur at gasoline service stations. Questions were answered for Committee members.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committees regarding HB 4501 and HB 4502:

Mark Griffin, representing the Michigan Petroleum Association, in opposition

Ed Weglarz, representing the Service Station Dealers Association of Michigan, in opposition

Bill Vollenweider and Rick Perry, representing the Detroit Travel Center, in opposition

Bill Baber of Berrien Springs, representing himself, in opposition

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Cards for HB 4501 and HB 4502 were submitted by:

John Griffin, representing the Associated Petroleum Industries of Michigan, in opposition  
Ron Bewersdorff, representing Lansing Ice and Fuel, in opposition  
Tom Barron, representing C. Barron and Sons, Inc., in opposition  
Bill McCarthy, representing Caster Oil Company, in opposition,

Subsequent to discussion, Agriculture Chair Nitz stated that the Committees would briefly stand in recess, the time being 1:35 p.m. Chair Nitz recalled the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

At this time, Transportation Chair LaJoy stated that no voting would take place for the Transportation Committee and declared the Transportation Committee would stand adjourned, the time being 1:41 p.m.

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Representative Philip LaJoy, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk  
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